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Sir:

The undersigned hereby petitions for an extension of time to respond to the Official Action of August 20, 2001 for three months to February 20, 2002.

Please charge the extension fee of \$460 to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. If this fee is insufficient, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A responsive paper is filed herewith.

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